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### **Drone:** dictionary definitions

verb - make a continuous low humming sound.

noun - a low continuous humming sound.

- a continuous musical note of low pitch.

- a stingless male bee (as of the honeybee) that has the role of mating with the queen and does not gather nectar or pollen  
Drone has now taken on another definition:

noun - a small remotely-operated rotorcraft usually with a mounted camera.

And they've been seen flying over the Tri-Village area, as well as the fires in the area. Which has raised some concerns about safety and privacy.

### **According to Transport Canada:**

Drones are aircraft—which makes you a pilot. When you fly your drone, you're sharing the skies with other drones and aircraft. Before you fly, understand the rules you must follow and review our safety tips.

- Drone pilots must follow the rules in the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs). Part IX – Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems contains most of the rules that apply to drones up to 25 kilograms.

To keep yourself and others safe:

- fly your drone where you can always see it: you can fly at night if you have lights on your drone
- below 122 metres (400 feet) in the air
- away from bystanders, at a minimum horizontal distance of 30 metres for basic operations
- away from emergency operations and advertised events
- avoid forest fires, outdoor concerts and parades
- away from airports and heliports
- outside controlled airspace (for basic operations only)
- far away from other aircraft

### Fines for individuals

- up to \$1,000 for flying without a drone pilot certificate
- up to \$1,000 for flying unregistered or unmarked drones
- up to \$1,000 for flying where you are not allowed
- up to \$3,000 for putting aircraft and people at risk

Before you fly indoors, or near or over buildings, we recommend getting permission from the building owner and/or occupants.



Sheep Creek Adopt-A-Highway

Saturday September 9

10 a.m to Noon

Meet at the corner of Sheep Creek Road and Premier Lake Bridge

Contact Dwayne Vogel

250 422 9215 or

dkvogel2010@gmail.com



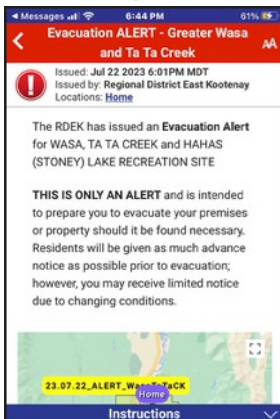
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# WASA VOLUNTEER FIRE PREVENTION & SUPPRESSION

submitted by Kathy McCauley

We will remember 2023 as the summer of the St Mary River wildfire and the first time Wasa Lake was put on Evacuation Alert, The wildfire, allegedly caused by downed power lines, was reported on Monday, July 17 and grew rapidly on account of high winds and hot temperatures. By July 18-19, winds had fanned the wildfire north-west towards the LD Ranch Road/Cherry Creek area, which was put on Evacuation Alert. The winds switched to the north-east several days later, and consequently areas of Fort Steele were added to the Alert, with Wasa and TaTa Creek included on July 22, This brought the total to around 700 homes affected. Rocky Mountain International Airport was included in the Alert, and incoming passengers were warned at their departure ports that they may not be able to land. Needless to say, the situation was very tense for a few days as the more than 200 firefighters, along with air and heavy equipment support, were challenged by winds, temperatures, and smoke and the wildfire grew to 4,093 hectares in size. However, a welcome reprieve from wind and heat did come our way and the Evacuation Alerts were rescinded in our area by July 28 when the fire was finally classified as "being held". The ?Aq'am Reserve did not fare so well, with some areas remaining on Evacuation Order or Alert, and several houses destroyed.



If you did not receive the **EVACUATION ALERT** on July 22, then you are not signed up for Voyent Alert notifications. Once registered, you will receive evacuation alerts and orders regarding critical events such as wildfires, floods, or hazardous materials events. You can choose to be notified by text or voice call. For general emergency information, such as local wildfire updates or smoke warnings, register for the Regional District's email list for your community. Sign up for both services at [www.rdek.bc.ca](http://www.rdek.bc.ca)

All campfires remain prohibited until **October 28, 2023** or until further notice. For more information on wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, go to [www.bcwildfire.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.ca) To report a wildfire, call

1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 on a cell phone.

Fire bans and other wildfire-related notices are posted regularly on the kiosk at the FireSmart Demonstration Site on the corner of Wasa Lake Park Drive and School Road in Wasa.



Lion's Christmas Party  
on the horizon! ....



**Tuesdays**  
**September 13**  
**December 12**

**Wasa Community Hall**  
**Doors Open at 5:30**  
**Early Bird 6:30**  
**Regular Bingo 6:45**  
**Concession**

## ***Our Community:***

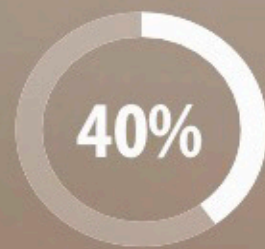
*New to the community?  
Wondering how you can get involved?  
Meet your neighbours?*

*There are numerous opportunities available to you for community involvement; yoga, quilters, local library, service organizations, fire prevention, and the list goes on ...*

*And the benefits? Knowing your neighbours, having extra eyes on your property if you are away, a helping hand when you need it - and that list goes on too.*

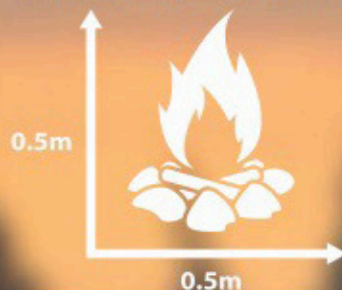


# OPEN FIRE REGULATIONS



40% of B.C. wildfires are human-caused and therefore preventable

## CAMPFIRES, CATEGORY 2 FIRES AND CATEGORY 3 FIRES: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



### CAMPFIRE

- Any fire no larger than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide

#### REGULATIONS:



You must have ready access to 8 litres of water or a shovel for the entire time your campfire is lit.



Your campfire must be completely extinguished and the ashes must be cool to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time. (Hot coals can reignite the fire.)



During campfire prohibitions, only a CSA- or ULC-approved portable campfire apparatus may be used, and the flame height must not exceed 15 centimetres.



You must build a fire guard around your campfire.



### CATEGORY 2 FIRE:

- 1 to 2 concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- Stubble or grass burning over an area less than 0.2 hectares

#### REGULATIONS:



A fuel break must be established around any Category 2 burn area.



Fireworks are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect.



Burning barrels are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect.



At least one person equipped with a fire-fighting hand tool must monitor the fire at all times.



### CATEGORY 3 FIRE:

- Any fire larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- 3 or more concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- 1 or more burning windrows
- Stubble or grass burning over an area greater than 0.2 hectares

#### REGULATIONS:



A fuel break must be established around any Category 3 burn area.



Monitor your open burn to ensure that the fire doesn't spread beyond its intended size.



You must have a burn registration number to light a Category 3 open fire. Call the burn registration line 1 888 797-1717 to obtain one.



Do not burn when venting conditions are "Poor" or "Fair". Always check here first: [www.bcairquality.ca/readings/ventilation-index.html](http://www.bcairquality.ca/readings/ventilation-index.html)

## GENERAL REGULATIONS:



Never burn in strong wind conditions.



Your fire must be extinguished before leaving the area.



Always keep your fire a safe distance away from nearby branches, wood and other combustible materials.



Anyone found in contravention of an open fire prohibition may be fined up to \$1,150. If your fire escapes and results in a wildfire, you may be fined anywhere from \$100,000 to \$1 million and be sentenced to one year in prison. Please check with local government authorities for any other restrictions before lighting any open fire.

Please report wildfires by calling  
**\*5555 or 1 800 663-5555.**



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**WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday September 27 at 7 PM**  
**WASA COMMUNITY HALL**

**Purpose of Annual General Meeting**

The purpose of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is to provide an opportunity for the board to present audited financial statements and report on the activities of the past year, and for landowners to discuss activities and ask questions. There will be an election of trustees to available positions if warranted (ie. If more nominations are received than there are positions available).

**Voter Eligibility Requirements**

- Canadian citizen over the age of 18
- Property-owner within the Improvement District boundary (your name must be on the property title)
- BC resident for past 6 months

**NOMINATIONS FOR TRUSTEE**

Please note that nominations and notice of acceptance for trustee positions must be submitted in writing to [admin@wasalake.ca](mailto:admin@wasalake.ca) or Box 133 Wasa BC by midnight September 13 (2 weeks before the AGM). People who are eligible to vote are also eligible to run for trustee or to nominate someone for trustee.

The agenda and financial statements will be available at [www.wasalake.ca](http://www.wasalake.ca) prior to the meeting. For more information, please contact [admin@wasalake.ca](mailto:admin@wasalake.ca)





## WASA COUNTRY BREAKFAST 2023

Wasa Lions Picnic Grounds  
**Every Saturday**

From July 1 to September 2

Pancake Breakfast  
8:30 am to 11:00 am  
Coffee on at 8:00 am

Breakfast includes:

Pancakes, Mixed Berries  
Scrambled Eggs, Sausages  
Juice or Coffee

Large \$10.00    Small \$8.00  
Just Coffee/Juice \$2.00

**Vendors set up for free**

Come out and enjoy a great breakfast  
served by our local community groups.

Entertainment on some weekends

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**

If you would like to entertain at the Breakfast, please contact  
Karen Markus at 250 422 3514

The **Wasa Recreation Society** manages the Wasa Community Hall. The main objective is to have a Community Hall that is viable for events & recreation of the community. Thru fund-raising, volunteering & rentals, we're able to have an economical community hall for our community. The Recreation Society meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., in the basement. The meetings are open for anyone wanting to attend with new ideas or becoming part of the Society committee.

- **Hall Rentals & Information:**

Karen Markus 250.422.3514 or  
Jane Gendron 250-421-2535

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Sonia Blackwell 250.421.3019  
or Rod 250.422.3253

- **TOPS:**

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Saturday November 25, 2023

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Wasa Community Church

Box 69

6734 Hwy 93 Wasa BC V0B 2K0

Space limited

Confirm table rental by mailing \$20.00 to  
the address above by October 15th, 2023

For more information call

Judy Grant or Trinda Tarling

1.250.422.3433

1.250.793.9491



# Wasa and District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group

submitted by - Kate Kelly

The Memorial Garden saw its fair share of smoke-filled skies but the beauty of the colourful flowers over-shadowed the grey. Thank you to the MANY dedicated garden volunteers for all of your hard work that kept the garden looking great this summer! As we say goodbye to the dog-days of summer, we begin planning for next year. We will be holding our AGM on Thursday 07 Sept at 7pm in the community hall. All are welcome and it we love to see new faces so please join us. The Wasa Memorial Garden relies on its many & generous volunteers and is always happy to welcome new members. If you've been looking for a way to meet neighbors in the community, please contact Sherry Shields at: [wasamemorialgarden@gmail.com](mailto:wasamemorialgarden@gmail.com)



## 2019 Columbarium Niche & Plaque Costs

### UNIT 1 Columbarium

Upper levels - \$1000.00 + engraving

Bottom Row - \$900.00 + engraving

### UNIT 2 Columbarium (new)

Niche cost - \$1100.00 + engraving

Niche Engraving - \$275.00

Memorial Plaque - \$300.00

(engraving costs are subject to change)

### Contact info:

Pat Walkey @ 250 422-3530 or

[pwalkey@shaw.ca](mailto:pwalkey@shaw.ca).

*Autumnal  
Equinox  
September 22nd*



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*Delia Owens*



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## Do You Know the Difference?

### Butterflies vs Moths



- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usually colorful</li> <li>• Hard chrysalis</li> <li>• Thin body</li> <li>• Day active</li> <li>• Long straight or clubbed antennae</li> <li>• Wings rest upright</li> <li>• Wings rest closed</li> <li>• No wing hinges</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usually dull</li> <li>• Silky pupa</li> <li>• Thick body</li> <li>• Night active</li> <li>• Short feathery antennae</li> <li>• Wings rest along body</li> <li>• Wings rest open</li> <li>• Upper and lower wings attached</li> </ul> |
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Sometimes our natural environment can confuse us with the similarities found within the wildlife that surrounds us.. And the differences can be subtle but fascinating! Do you know of any others?

### FROG vs TOAD

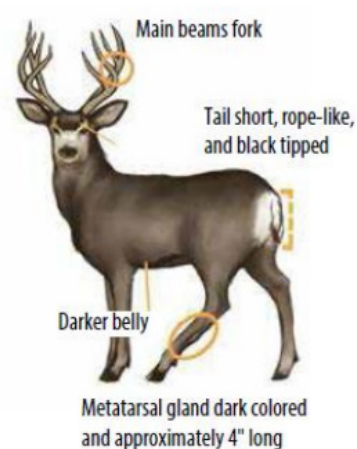


Illustrations by Annie Aguirre

#### White-tailed deer



#### Mule deer



#### Raven

Travel in Pairs  
Habitat is Wild  
30 year life span  
Grunk Grunk  
Wedge Shaped Tail  
Bigger & Curved Bill  
Extremely Intelligent

#### Crow

Travel in Groups  
Habitat is Urban  
8 year life span  
Caw Caw  
Fan Shaped Tail  
Smaller and Flat Bill  
Extremely Intelligent

#### ASIAN LADY BEETLE

"M" shaped spot  
Aggressive (sometimes bite)  
Harmful to dogs  
Invades homes  
Leaves behind an odor/yellow fluid



#### LADY BUG

No "M" shape  
Harmless  
Controls garden pests  
Lives outdoors  
Good for the environment

### Grizzly Bear



### Black Bear



Colour and Size can be misleading.  
Look for a combination of characteristics.

## Fire Smart

The residents in the Wasa and Area are so fortunate that they have an extremely hard working Fire Smart group. On August 12 they went up to Lazy Lake and helped to explain what they have been doing for all of the Wasa and Area. The information on what needs to be done on your properties to provide less fuels for fires. When you see these members please remember to thank them.

Please continue to be very careful and make sure you are keeping your properties cleared of any potential fuel sources in case of a fire. There has been an incredibly high number of fires in our area this year. We still have at least one more month to get through.

There are so many people that I want to thank. These people have worked very hard and put in some very long days. BC Wildfire Service, from their front line personnel to the contractors, pilots, heavy equipment operators and support staff. I also want to thank the support of the structure protection personnel who have come to the RDEK subregions. The RDEK Emergency Operations Centre is being manned by our staff; many of the municipalities also have staff that comes in to put shifts.

The RCMP and the Search and Rescue members helped with the evacuation and the alerts, so the residents could have a warning. Unfortunately the ?aq'am lost 7 homes, but we are grateful that they were able to save many homes.

If you see a wildfire please report it by calling 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 on a cell phone.

## Drought concerns

Many of us received letters from Forestry about reducing our water usage. Please try to reduce your use, water your gardens but you do not need to water your lawns, they will come back once it rains.

## Pancake Breakfast

There has been a pancake breakfast on every Saturday during the summer. The funds made from these breakfast goes towards many groups. Please come out and enjoy the food and the entertainment.

If you have any questions or concerns Please call me: 250-427-2577 or email me [s.janewalter@gmail.com](mailto:s.janewalter@gmail.com). Thank You

Jane Walter



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## VOLUNTEER WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Are you new to the Community? Recently retired and have time on your hands? Want to meet neighbours? Just love to get involved and give back? We might be able to help with that!

Because our Communities are small, we rely very heavily upon Volunteers. And there are so many areas that would benefit from any skills you have to share. I encourage you to take a look at the list below and call existing members to see where you can help out.

Wasa & District Lions Club, Wasa Recreational Society, Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter, Wasa Gym, Wasa Lake Land Improvement, Wasa Pancake Breakfast, Wasa & District Historical Association/Garden Group are a few of the areas that would welcome new members. Step up, step out, expand your horizons. We would love to see you!

*Volunteering is a work of heart."*





## Wasa Community Church

The Trinity is a very difficult thing to grasp, and I'm not going to try and explain how the One True God exists in three distinct persons (the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit), but I did want to showcase a verse where God the Son, when He was on earth in the form of Jesus, modeled how to pray to God the Father. No, not the famous "Lord's Prayer" during the Sermon on the Mount, as wonderful as that is. We're going to instead look at the description of our Lord Jesus' prayer from the author of the Biblical book of Hebrews. ***"In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence"*** (Hebrews 5:7 ESV). Now we don't always come to God with loud cries and tears, although we are always very welcome to do so. What we want to focus on in this verse is the "why?" Why was Jesus heard by the Father? The answer, as we can see, is ***because of his reverence***.

We're not God's commanders. We shouldn't treat our Creator like He's our creation. We don't deserve anything from Him, and yet, by grace through faith in the death and resurrection of Christ, He's given us eternal life. We were unlovable sinners, but He still showed us the greatest love. There is therefore no good reason to approach Him with any kind of entitlement. We shouldn't demand Him for everything we want and think we need. However, there is room to make requests. His ears are open to the reverent. If we approach Him in humility, He is listening.

Oftentimes we find it difficult that Him listening to us doesn't mean the same thing as Him granting our request. Even for the most reverent of souls, sometimes the answer is yes and sometimes the answer is not yet, but sometimes the answer is a silence that ends in a no. While it's true that sin is a cause for silence (Psalm 66:8 says, ***"If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."***), just because the Lord declines your request doesn't automatically mean you're in the wrong with Him. Even Jesus, who never sinned, had one of His own requests declined when He was facing a death of horrible suffering on the cross. He prayed, ***"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done"*** (Luke 22:42 ESV). As we know, Jesus still ended up on the cross.

Approaching God humbly is not an unfailing formula for getting what we want. Nevertheless, it certainly is how Jesus showed us to come before the listening ears of the Father in prayer. Take heart in the fact that the most powerful being in the universe is one who loves us enough to hear us out.

Pastor Jon Malpass, Wasa Community Church, (250) 464-4419

### BOTTLE & CAN RECYCLING

Donate your Clean Liquor, Pop, Water, Milk & Juice Containers to the Wasa & District Lions Club

Support Local Scholarships & Lions Grounds Maintenance



### Want to learn to Quilt?

Looking to advance your skills or learn a new one? Join the Wasa Country Quilters Group and learn with a talented group of quilters!

We meet every Tuesday from 10-4 in our own space in the basement of the hall. Drop in any Tuesday! We'd be more than happy to show you the endless possibilities in this creative atmosphere! No previous experience required.

Call Gayle Andrews 250-422-3095 for more information.



## The Lions Den Lions Roar

Wasa & District Lions Club – Serving Wasa & Area since 1976

submitted by Terry Marvel

Well, it has certainly been a hot, dry summer and here's hoping September brings some respite from the heat and smoke which has been plaguing us for most of the summer. We are a never-happy lot are we not?

First item: The Wasa Lion's would like to gratefully thank all of the members and volunteers that helped make the August long weekend pancake breakfast and garage sale a huge success. Without the help of these people it would be a phenomenal task. Many hand make light work!

Our next big event will be the Dinner and Dance held at the Wasa Community Hall on December 2nd. Tickets will go on sale November 4th for this gala which includes dinner, a huge raffle and a dance to follow. Music will be provided by Lily the DJ. She is known for playing to the crowd so come and enjoy an evening of entertainment and visiting with the community. Cost is yet to be determined.

We will be attempting to organize a Highway Cleanup this fall, as the spring cleanup sort of fell through. I'm sure the highway could use a good cleaning after this summer's traffic.

We still have a few projects to complete, namely the soffitting on the ceiling of the country kitchen eating area and a more hygienic floor surface in the kitchen itself. We now have two new fridges in the kitchen to better cool our breakfast foods etc.

Many thanks to all that keep the grounds neat and clean over the summer. Special thanks to Cleve and Kim! You are a credit to the community!

The next Lion's Pancake Breakfast is to be September 2nd. See you there!

*I bought a second-hand dresser from Bonnie Tyler and every now and then it falls apart....*

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#### It's About Fundraising

- Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance/Raffle
- Yard Sale/ Pancake Breakfasts
- Bottle Recycling
- Gran Fondo/ Triathlon
- Lions Grounds Rental



#### It's About Giving

- Wasa Lions Path/Skating Rink
- Tennis & Basketball Courts
- Pickleball Courts
- Ball Diamond
- Scholarships
- We Care We Serve community funding
- Medical Loan Cupboard
- Eyeglass & Hearing Aid Recycling



#### It's About Fun & Socializing

A Great Reason to become a Lion!  
For Information call 250 422-3210





## TOPS SPOT

submitted by - Susan Manahan

**THE INFORMATION IN THIS ARTICLE COMES FROM “DIABETES MEALS FOR GOOD HEALTH” - a book available from TOPS INC.**

Making healthy food choices is important and good choices can only be made when one is informed. Look at the following –

### RESTAURANT EGG BREAKFAST

2 fried eggs	2 slices of buttered white toast	2 jams
2 sausages	1 cup of hash browns	1 TBS of ketchup
20 oz. coffee with 4 creamers and 4 tsp. sugar		

CALORIES-1,147, CARBS-123 gr, FIBER-6 gr, FAT-62 gr, SODIUM-1,194 mg This breakfast special gives you a whole day's fat intake. Save this meal for special occasions.

2 poached eggs	2 slices of buttered brown toast	1 jam
2 sausages	½ cup hash browns	
10 oz. coffee with 2 TBS whole milk and 1 tsp. sugar		

CALORIES-705, CARBS-66 gr, FIBER-6 gr, FAT-39 gr, SODIUM-886 mg. Poached eggs, less jam on your toast and just one mug of coffee are good changes. You will eat less fat and sugar at one meal.

Replace the hash browns in this meal with tomato slices and you will cut out 2 tsp of fat and more than 150 calories.

1 poached egg	2 slices of unbuttered brown toast	1 jam
tomato slices	10 oz. tea with 2 TBS of 2 % milk.	

CALORIES-286, CARBS-42 gr, FIBER-5 gr, FAT-8 gr, SODIUM-480 mg

This is a trimmed down, healthier breakfast.

Here are some other choices for thought:

THREE PIECES OF THICK CRUST DELUXE PIZZA—1,659 CALORIES or TWO PIECES OF THIN CRUST TWO TOPPING PIZZA—782 CALORIES.

RESTAURANT CAESAR SALAD 4 CUPS—798 CALORIES OR HOMEMADE CAESAR SALAD WITH LIGHT DRESSING—125 CALORIES.

We make many food choices every day of our lives. We need to be informed and mindful in our choices. Go online and check out some of the fast food restaurants in town. Nutrition information is readily available on the websites.

**SANTA FE SALAD**—A yummy salad for a hot, summer day. (makes 4 servings – 348 calories per serving)

12 oz can of niblet corn	1 TBS chopped cilantro or parsley
19 oz can of black beans (rinsed and drained well)	2 to 3 green onions, chopped
½ head of lettuce, torn into bite-sized pieces	½ red pepper cut into thin 1 inch slices
½ cup shredded or grated cheese	3 TBS light coleslaw dressing
10 oz chicken breasts or thighs, boneless, skinless and sliced into thin pieces	
2 TBS BBQ sauce.	

1. Toss corn, beans, cilantro, onions, red pepper, lettuce, cheese and dressing, Divide salad onto four plates or large bowls.

2. Over medium heat, cook chicken pieces in a non-stick pan with 2 TBS of water. Add BBQ sauce, simmer for a couple of minutes, Divide chicken between 4 plates, placing on top of salad.

3. Serve with 5 to 8 tortilla chips.

I am off to make this delicious salad for tonight's supper. Enjoy!



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The people listed are members of the  
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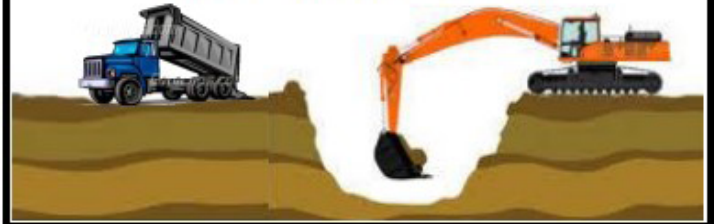
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*September sky never  
looked more  
charming; or the sublime  
petals of the rose  
looked so graceful.*





## The Rise and Fall of Groundwater - A Living Lakes Bulletin

### *Groundwater monitoring in the Columbia Basin shows variability in response to drought conditions*

July was the hottest month ever recorded on Earth and set the stage for rampant and worsening drought impacts across Western Canada. Dry creek beds, stranded fish, parched crops, scarce feed for livestock, severe wildfires, the list goes on.

As of August 17th, the Province of BC is reporting that over 80% of water basins across British Columbia remain at a Drought Level 4 or 5 (see Drought Map). Alarming, the latest update reveals a significant jump in the number of watersheds at Drought Level 5 from 32% to 56%. This means over half of B.C. watersheds face “almost certain” negative impacts.

This growing crisis points to the need for more comprehensive water monitoring to help support and direct proactive water management.

Living Lakes Canada’s Columbia Basin Groundwater Monitoring Program is collecting long-term data on groundwater levels to track annual and seasonal changes. Many municipalities and rural property owners rely on groundwater, yet little is known about how climate and other impacts like land use are affecting the water underground.

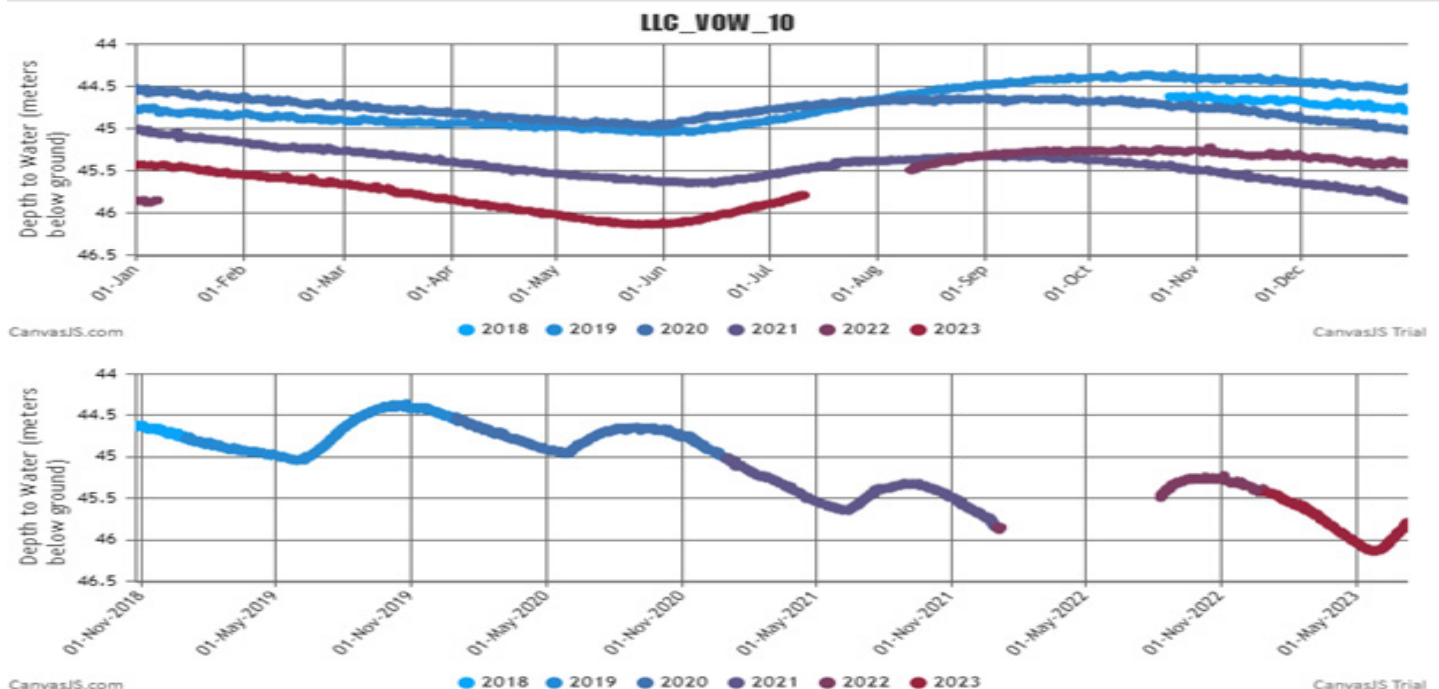
The program now has some wells with up to six years of data, providing us with information on how aquifers are responding to surface events.

This spring, water levels in some wells were the lowest recorded to date.

In one of the wells, we’ve seen a decreasing trend over the last six years.

In other wells, peak water levels occurred earlier this year than in previous years. This corresponds with this year’s smaller winter snowpack and unseasonably early snowmelt.

In June, one of the wells located in Windermere had the lowest water level recorded in the last 5 years, following a decreasing trend since 2018 (see above graph). While the data shows that the lowest water levels typically occur in June, groundwater levels reach their highest point around October/November. This shows the seasonal variability of this 160 foot deep well in an aquifer composed of clay and gravel.



This is a Depth2Water graph available on the Columbia Basin Water Hub.

Notably, the program’s data is showing that water levels in aquifers higher up in the mountains peak at different times than valley bottom aquifers. This means that conditions at one select well aren’t necessarily representative of groundwater conditions across an entire region.



For example, in contrast to the Windermere well, another well located near Silverton, which is approximately 300 feet deep in bedrock material, has highest water levels occurring in the spring around April/May, and the lowest levels in fall around October/November.

Site-specific information is essential to inform decision-making for water security.

“A good analogy for this is to think of a bank account where you monitor both cash flow and a monthly total. The water level in an aquifer is similar to the net balance in the account, and recharge to and outflow from the aquifer is equivalent to cash flow,” described Remi Allard, a consulting hydrogeologist with McElhanney in Cranbrook and an advisor to the Living Lakes Canada groundwater program.

“Recharge to aquifers in the Kootenays occurs mainly during freshet but is also derived from infiltration of precipitation. If recharge is less than normal as a result of low snowpack and/or less than normal precipitation, but groundwater use remains constant, then the water balance in an aquifer can be negatively impacted,” he said. “In short, you have to measure things in order to manage them.”

In an attempt to better manage groundwater use, the Government of BC introduced a new licensing system in 2016 requiring commercial users of groundwater to apply for a licence by March 2022. Now with this summer’s unprecedented drought, the province has started to cut groundwater access to unlicensed water users and the results are proving precarious for farmers and other commercial operators.

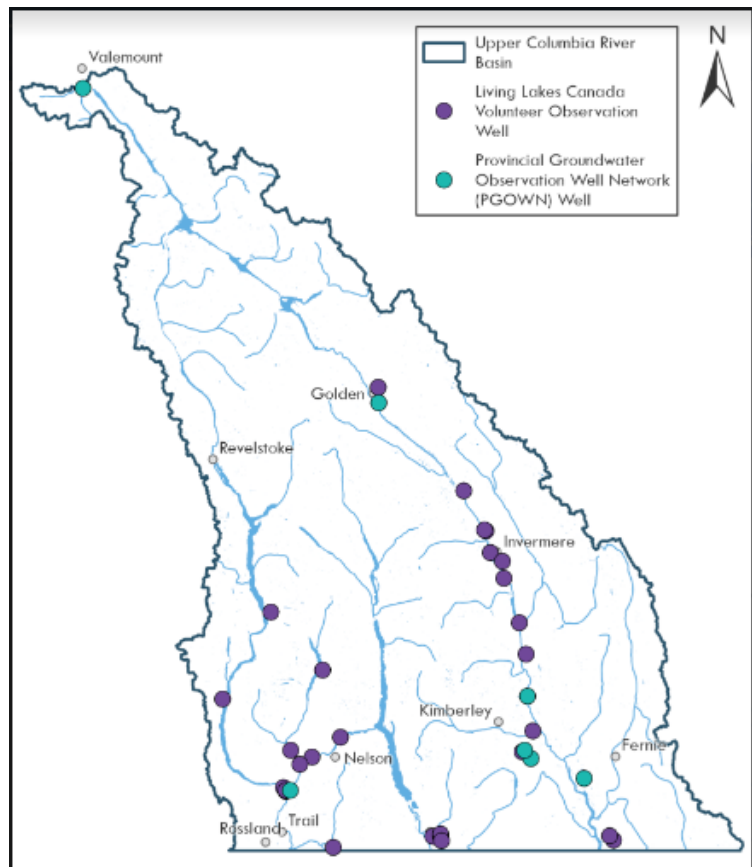
As Mike Wei, the former provincial program lead for groundwater and deputy comptroller of water rights, and current consultant, recently told The Tyee, “I did not expect this summer’s drought to so quickly shine the spotlight on the water rights issues.” Wei also advises the Living Lakes Canada groundwater program.

The program partners with well owners to establish a cost-effective network of Volunteer Observation Wells across the Canadian Columbia Basin region. This work complements the monitoring done by the Provincial Groundwater Observation Well Network.

Although there are over 230 active observation wells in the provincial network, there are only 6 wells in the Columbia Basin. The Living Lakes Canada program has established and is currently monitoring 32 Volunteer Observation Wells across the region.

This year, some of the provincial monitoring wells within the Basin have also shown their lowest ever water level measurement to date, including wells in Wasa and Jaffray. This data can be seen on the recently released Groundwater Conditions tab on the BC Drought Portal. The map is a valuable resource, and shows the unmonitored terrain in the provincial network.

Across Canada, aquifers vary in size and complexity. In the mountainous Columbia Basin, many aquifers are small and fragmented. Each responds differently to climate conditions and water usage demands. The Living Lakes Canada program is addressing the gaps in groundwater monitoring across this complex landscape by continuing to collaborate with water supply operators, First Nations, municipalities, ranchers, land trusts, post-secondary institutions and private landowners to collect and share groundwater level data.



Map of wells within Living Lakes Canada’s network and the provincial network.

**At the risk of offending someone: Please realize that your desire to keep your lawn green could cost yourself and other residents the ability to access any water for their day-to-day needs! As a community we need to put aside our wants and wishes and put the community first.**



## The Power of the Prayer taught by Jesus of Nazareth Part 5

Let's quickly summarize the series of articles that we have started on the powerful Prayer of Jesus offered to His disciples according to the interpretation of the Essene texts found near the Dead Sea in 1947. This prayer is called: Prayer of the Son to the Father.

**"Our father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as  
in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our trespasses, as  
we forgive  
those who have offended us.  
And don't let us enter into  
temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen."**

Jesus begins by saying **"Our Father"** which makes us all Brothers and Sisters in God; then he continues by adding **"Our Father who art in Heaven"**. Our Father, the Law, the Creator, is **"in heaven"**, because He is the highest and greatest. It is impossible to represent **"our Father"** with images belonging to the material and limited world. **"Who art in heaven"** evokes the Cosmic Ocean of Consciousness, which is beyond the world of matter. The **"Heavenly Father"** who is infinite and eternal, cannot be described in terms of what is finite and temporary. Since **"our Father"** is in heaven; He is not in the formal dogmas of theological systems, nor in churches and buildings,

nor in the limited formulas by which men strive to reduce this Father to limited forms. The sky (heaven) is the **Cosmic Ocean of Consciousness**, but at the same time it is within us because we are present to the infinite Cosmic Ocean of Consciousness. The kingdom of heaven, therefore, is within us. **"Hallowed be thy name"** The Name of the Creator has always been considered absolute, as something impossible to express by a limited or formal definition, because there is no name that can convey the meaning of the Creator. **"Thy kingdom come"** The kingdom, in the Essene Tradition, is in harmony with the Law of Evolution toward God. **"Thy will be done on earth as in Heaven."** For the Essenes, as for us at the Ashram, life is about aspiring to the Divine Will for the good of all sentient beings rather than our own.

To continue the interpretation of this sacred prayer, Jesus says, **"Give us today our daily bread."**

This means that we need to be guided by Wisdom, warmed by Love and nourished by the Natural Force of God (*Holy Spirit* or *"Shakti" in sanskrit*) every day, so that our Consciousness, our mind, and our body can be in harmony with the Totality. We should therefore act, feel and perceive in such a way that we absorb vibrations of wisdom, feelings of love and the "bread of life" continuously, throughout our evolution toward God as individuals (*"Jiva" in Sanskrit*).

**"Forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who have  
offended us."**

This part of the prayer should be read in conjunction with what follows: **"For if you forgive men their errors, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their errors, neither will your Father forgive your errors."** Here we have one of the greatest psychological and metaphysical laws there is. What does it mean to "forgive"? To forgive is to forget; there is no other way to achieve forgiveness. We live in a world where the sons of men very often stray from the Law of Forgiveness and consequently create lower currents of thoughts, emotions and deeds.

However, these currents have reality for us *only* if we accept them and allow them to enter our sensitive thought-driven bodies. But if we don't welcome them, then they have no reality for us. If we know this Law, then we realize that all lower manifestations of the personality (anger, greed, pride, etc.) are the consequence of deviations committed by our neighbors. We forgive them and simply forget them by refusing to think, feel and act on them. In this way, our Consciousness, minds and bodies remain safe from these currents; and our Heavenly Father forgives us our debts, as we have refused to deviate from the Law of Forgiveness, and thus, have not incurred debts and have abolished all forms of karmic return.

Let's continue on this subject in our next article! To forgive is to forever forget the fault committed.

With Love and Blessings to all of you!

Om Om Om

H.H. Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha





## WLLID AGM

The Wasa Lake Land Improvement District (WLLID) will hold its annual general meeting (AGM) on September 27th, 7pm at the Community Hall. The WLLID is charged with monitoring the quantity and quality of water at Wasa.

The AGM is a chance for residents to hear about our activities over the past year, and receive the latest water report on 2023 levels and quality test results.

This year, three Board of Trustee positions are open for those interested in seeking election. A Trustee's term is three years.

Nominations for Board positions are now open. To qualify, you must be a Canadian citizen, BC resident over 21 years of age and listed on the title of a property within the WLLID jurisdiction.

While there is no remuneration for being a Trustee, your volunteer activities will help to maintain a healthy organization and lake for all recreation users. Trustee's must commit to monthly meetings, plus take an active role in monitoring water levels and testing for a range of water quality parameters.

If you are interested and require additional information, then please reach out to [admin@wasalake.ca](mailto:admin@wasalake.ca).

Once you decide to participate, you will need to be nominated by a qualified resident who will send an email to [admin@wasalake.ca](mailto:admin@wasalake.ca). Then, you must advise the WLLID whether you accept the nomination or not.

Nominations close 13 September.

Hope to see all of you at the AGM, 27th Sept.

Its your community, get involved.



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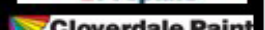
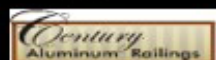
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## Preparing for next year .....

Summer is coming to an end - and the harvests begin. Most of us are familiar with how to harvest our beets, squash, carrots, etc. We do it the way our moms did it and their moms before that. And in this day of rising food costs, a number of gardeners are exploring seed saving for the first time. Which sounds like a simple process - but it isn't always so straight forward. Here are some tips and tricks, some specific processes you can use to save your favourites so you can grow them again next year.



Why ferment your tomato seeds? This process will eliminate bacteria and fungal disease from being passed on through the seeds next year.

**Peppers:** make sure your peppers are ripe, slice off the bottom of each pepper just above the end. Spread pepper seeds out on a plate so few are touching one another. Aim a small fan at the seeds on low if humidity is high. Jostle the seeds daily, careful not to mix up different seed varieties. Test for dryness after 7 days. Store in a cool, dry, dark place.

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Cucumbers are eaten as immature fruits. When cucumbers are grown for seed, harvest is delayed until the fruits reach botanical maturity. As the seeds develop, the cucumber will continue to grow beyond its market-mature size, eventually changing color and losing firmness as the seeds reach full maturity. It is best to wait several weeks after this color change before extracting the seeds.

Like tomato seeds, cucumber seeds need to ferment - once the seeds have been rinsed clean, set the seeds out to dry on coffee filters or old window screens until they can be cleanly snapped in half.

For more tips and info on avoiding disease in seeds: [https://www.lsu.edu/agriculture/plant/extension/hcpl-publications/7\\_Pub.3447-Veg-etableSeedSanitation.pdf](https://www.lsu.edu/agriculture/plant/extension/hcpl-publications/7_Pub.3447-Veg-etableSeedSanitation.pdf)





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**GYM HOURS AND INFO**



### SEPTEMBER

by John Updike

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Of smells to feel—  
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## LEGEND

Church Service 10:30 a.m. Lions 7 p.m.  
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## SPECIAL EVENTS

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- Pickleball - every Monday & Wednesday 9 - 12, in the Community Hall
- Memorial Garden AGM 7pm
- WLLID Board Mtg - Sept. 20 @ 7pm in the WLLID office (basement of Community Hall) Watch for notices and/or check the website
- WLLID AGM Sept 27



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